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April 15, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION
WALK SOUTHWEST OF CALLE EL JARDIN
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF GREEN VALLEY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action will allow the County of Los Angeles to vacate an easement for walk purposes southwest of Calle El Jardin in the unincorporated community of Green Valley that is no longer needed for public use. The vacation has been requested by the underlying property owner to merge her properties, which are located on both sides of the walk, together with the walk area into one contiguous parcel.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find that this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Find that the easement for walk purposes southwest of Calle El Jardin in the unincorporated community of Green Valley has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8333(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 3. Find that the easement for walk purposes southwest of Calle El Jardin in the unincorporated community of Green Valley has been determined to be excess and there are no public facilities located within the easement and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8333(c) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

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- 4. Adopt the Resolution of Summary Vacation.
- 5. Upon approval, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the County of Los Angeles to vacate the easement for walk purposes southwest of Calle El Jardin (Easement) in the unincorporated community of Green Valley, since it no longer serves the purpose for which it was dedicated and is not required for public use.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The vacation of the Easement will result in added revenue through assessment and taxation and reduce the County's exposure to potential liability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The vacation of the Easement will not have a negative fiscal impact on the County's budget. The applicant has paid a \$1,000 fee to defray the expense of the investigation. This amount has been deposited into the Road Fund. The fee was authorized by the Board in a resolution adopted May 4, 1982, Synopsis 62 (Fee Schedule), and as prescribed in Section 8321(d) of the State of California Streets and Highways Code.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The area to be vacated contains approximately 1,400 square feet and is shown on the map that is attached to the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation.

The County's interest in the Easement was acquired in 1924 by dedication in Tract No. 6647, recorded in Book 101, pages 22 through 26, inclusive, of Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County as an easement for walk purposes.

Ms. Donna Gierst, the underlying property owner, requested the vacation of the easement for walk purposes in order to merge her properties, which are located on both sides of the walk, together with the walk area into one contiguous parcel. The easement area is unimproved and not maintained by the County.

The California Streets and Highways Code Section 8333(a) provides that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate a public service easement if the easement has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation.

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The California Streets and Highways Code Section 8333(c) provides that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate a public service easement if the easement has been determined to be excess and there are no public facilities within the easement.

Adoption of the enclosed resolution and the subsequent recordation will terminate the County's rights and interest in the Easement and will result in the property being unencumbered by the Easement and available to the property owner for use without restriction of the Easement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15305 and 15321 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which state that this class of projects consisting of minor alterations in land use, limitations, and actions to revoke entitlement for use, issued and adopted by the regulatory agency, have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will allow for additional property taxes through the vacation of the Easement.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one original and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, together with a copy of the Board's minute order. Retain one original for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
 Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
 County Counsel
 Executive Office

RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION WALK SOUTHWEST OF CALLE EL JARDIN

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The County of Los Angeles is the holder of an easement for walk purposes (hereinafter referred to as the Easement) in, over, and across the real property legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both attached hereto. The Easement southwest of Calle El Jardin is located in the unincorporated community of Green Valley in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
- 2. The Easement has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation.
- 3. The Easement has been determined to be excess and there are no public facilities located within the easement.
- 4. The Easement is hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3, Division 9, of the California Streets and Highways Code, commencing with Section 8330.
- 5. The Director of Public Works or her designee is authorized to record the certified original resolution in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the Easement will be terminated.
- 6. From and after the date this resolution is recorded, the Easement will no longer constitute a public service easement.

The foregoing resolution was on the 15+16 day of 15+16 day of 15+16 day of 15+16 day of Los Angeles, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI County Counsel

SACHI A. HAMAI Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By <u>Garla Zit</u> Deputy

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EXHIBIT A

Project Name: WALK SOUTHWEST OF

CALLE EL JARDIN 15-1VAC

A.M.B. 3228-022 (Walk)

T.G. 4192-F4 I.M. 324-157

R.D. 551 S.D. 5

P.C.A. M1288108

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL NO. 15-1VAC (Vacation of easement for walk purposes):

That certain Walk, 10 feet wide, as shown on map of Tract No. 6647, recorded in Book 101, pages 22 through 26, inclusive, of Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, bounded on the northwest by the southeasterly line of Lots 7 and 8 of Block 13 of said tract; bounded on the east by the westerly sideline of Calle El Jardin, 30 feet wide, as shown on said map; bounded on the southeast by the northwesterly line of Lot 10 of Block10 of said tract; and bounded on the west by the easterly sideline of Calle Los Hidalgos, 30 feet wide, as shown on said map.

Containing: 1,400± square feet



APPROVED AS TO DESCRIPTION

By LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Dated POS. 27 , 2014

